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1. In January 1954, purchases of rice for domestic use in Foochow and the surrounding areas were limited to a month's supply based on an individual daily ration of 13 liang. When purchasing rice, householders had to present their identity cards to the merchant for stamping. In the city of Foochow most of the rice had been sold through government enterprises with only a few private rice merchants continuing in business. In the surrounding area of Foochow, all rice has been sold through government controlled cooperatives. Farmers had to sell their entire rice crop to the cooperative at the time of harvest. The cooperatives required that all rice purchased had to be dirt-free and thoroughly dry.
2. A drive has been underway in and around Foochow to collect scrap copper. Copper was no longer used in the manufacture of flashlights, locks or other items where its use was not essential.

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